

from World War II. I would like to acknowledge his selfless acts as a young Sergeant leading his infantrymen through Germany. His Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and many other awards demonstrate his bravery and patriotism. I am proud to stand and honor this glorious citizen of the United States and would like to call his admirable actions to the attention of my colleagues in the House of Representatives.

I have attached for the RECORD one of Mr. Ellis' first-hand experiences, which he shared with me. He has titled it, "A Soldiers Story."

The winter of 1944-1945 in Germany was bitter cold. I was a young infantry sergeant, a 19 year old squad leader in an infantry division that had been advancing and fighting in the mountains for sometime. During a lull in the fighting we came across a valley with a cluster of old stone cottages inhabited by farmers. All the young men had gone to war leaving the old folks to fend as best they could. This was a chance to catch a few hours of much needed sleep indoors. After posting perimeter guards nightfall was first approaching and we sat about to find places to stay for awhile. The house I picked out was much like the others, its stone steps worn down in the middle from many generations that had come and gone. An old German couple lived there and seemed pleasant enough. After sharing what few rations I had with them I went over and sat down in front of the fireplace soaking up some welcomed heat. There was not much light, just an oil lamp and the fireplace. The old man came and sat beside me. I took out my pipe which I always carried along with a package of tobacco that my folks had sent from back home. As I filled my pipe I noticed this old man looking at me intensely with a hungering expression in his eyes. In my faltering German I asked him, "du haben sie pipe ja?" Whereupon he got up with an alacrity which belied his age and brought down a pipe from atop the mantel and I passed the package of tobacco to him. He put only a small amount in his pipe, "Nix nix," I said and filled his pipe to the brim. There we sat, a young American soldier and an old German farmer, smoking our pipes in silence each with our own thoughts. The silence was broken only once when the old man looked over at me and said, "pipe goot, ja?" I replied, "ja, pipe goot." As I got up to go "sack out" for a few hours I gave the old man the package of tobacco. Tears rolled down his cheeks as he said "danko, danko." I am now about the same age as was the old man and have thought about the incident a number of times in the intervening years. Each time I have come to the same conclusion, it was a most satisfying conversation.

#### UNDERAGE ALCOHOL DRINKING

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the text of the following correspondence to the House of Representatives.

DEAR DR. FLETCHER: Thank you for sending me a pre-publication copy of your article "Alcohol Home Delivery Services: A Source of Alcohol for Underage Drinkers". As I indicated in our phone conversation, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on

"Interstate Alcohol Sales and the 21st Amendment" March 9, 1999. Testimony at that hearing made reference to your article.

Within the context of that hearing, Utah Attorney General Wayne Klein referenced your upcoming study to indicate that 10% of 12th graders and 7% of 8 to 20 year-olds obtained alcohol through delivery services in the last year. This has left an impression amongst Senators and in the record that these youths were purchasing through interstate alcohol direct shipment mechanisms.

It is my understanding that the questions in your study did not distinguish between interstate delivery mechanisms and delivery from stores within a community. In fact my understanding of our conversation and of your article is that it typically is a community liquor outlet in the area which is making the delivery and that most of these deliveries are beer. As I understand it, your study did not attempt to distinguish interstate shipments of alcohol by common carriers and the purchase and delivery of alcohol from community sources.

Because there has been significant misinterpretation of these results, I am asking that you write Senators Hatch (FAX (202) 224-9102) and Leahy (FAX (202) 224-3479) to clarify the degree to which your studies have relevance to the issue of Interstate Alcohol Sales. I would also like to obtain a copy of your letter, which I am sure will be added to the official record of the committee.

As this is a current and significant issue here on Capitol Hill, your earliest response would be most appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns in this regard.

Sincerely,

JOHN MCCAMMAN,  
Chief of Staff.

DEAR MR. MCCAMMAN: This letter is to provide clarification on the findings of the research article "Alcohol Home Delivery Service: A Source of Alcohol for Underage Drinkers." This article is being cited to demonstrate that persons under the legal drinking age of 21 are using direct shipment mechanisms to obtain alcohol. I would like to provide some relevant background on the paper to address this contention.

The survey that is the basis of the article was intended to address whether underage individuals were having alcohol delivered from local liquor stores. Respondents were asked: "In the last year, have you purchased alcoholic beverages that were delivered by a store to a home or individual?" We think this wording is more consistent with retail home deliveries than with direct shipment purchases. While it is possible that some youths interpreted the question to include direct shipment deliveries via the internet, the history of the internet suggests that this is unlikely. Access to the internet did not proliferate until the last several years. Our survey was administered in 1995 in small and medium sized communities. Internet access typically did not become available in smaller towns until significantly later than in larger metro areas.

It is possible that some of our respondents who said they purchased delivered alcohol purchased it via telephone 800 numbers, but there are several factors that makes this less likely. First, we think that youth alcohol purchases tend to be spontaneous, in other words, alcohol is purchased right before consumption. Second, most purchases via 800 numbers require a credit card. Lastly, the delivery time is less predictable which increase the likelihood that an adult will in-

tervene and makes the purchases more "risky." These mitigating factors probably apply to a greater degree to younger individuals than to older youth. While alcohol purchases that are delivered directly to the consumer in any manner clearly raise concerns about unmonitored access to alcohol, our paper does not directly address the issue of youth direct shipment of alcohol or interstate retail sales.

Sincerely,

LINDA A. FLETCHER,  
ALCOHOL EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM,  
University of Minnesota.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS' FREEDOM TO WORK ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5, the Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act. Currently, eight-hundred thousand seniors lose some or all of their Social Security benefits due to the Social Security earnings limit. Seniors ages 65 to 69 have one dollar of their benefits off-set for every three dollars they earn over the \$17,000 income limit.

I strongly support eliminating the earnings limit for every working senior receiving Social Security. Eliminating the earnings limit is not only the fair thing to do for working seniors, it would improve the quality and efficiency of Social Security as well. Repealing the earnings test will make Social Security easier and less expensive to administer. Contrary to the arguments of opponents of H.R. 5, repealing the earnings limit will not jeopardize the long-term solvency of Social Security. Under current law, workers who have their benefits reduced due to the earnings limit receive an actuarial adjustment that increases their benefits once they stop working.

Mr. Speaker, repealing the earnings limit on working seniors is an area where there is a bipartisan consensus for action. I will continue to work to forge the same bipartisan consensus on more comprehensive action to strengthen Social Security for all of our seniors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BEN THORNBURG

#### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ben Thornburg, who is being honored by the National Association of Music Educators for his composition entitled "A Prayer." Ben is a senior at Princeton High School in Cincinnati, and he will be honored tonight at the Music Educators National Conference in Washington, D.C., where his composition will be performed by the Princeton High School A Cappella Choir in the Omni Shoreham Ballroom.

The Music Educators National Conference's nationwide Student Composition Competition recognizes talented young music students in the United States. Ben is one of only 24 elementary through university-level students chosen from across the country. He is an exceptional student composer, and he represents his school and his community well.

By every indication, Ben has a very promising future. I know that the people of Greater Cincinnati join me in wishing him the very best tonight. We are very proud of Ben's achievements and we hope this is the beginning of a bright and successful career.

LEHIGH VALLEY HERO DONNA  
MULHOLLAND

**HON. PATRICK J. TOOMEY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2000*

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mrs. Donna Mulholland. Mrs. Mulholland, who is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Easton Hospital in my district, recently won the Girl Scout's World of Well-Being Award for service to the community. As a CEO of a major hospital in my district, Mrs. Mulholland has shown a passionate commitment to quality health care. Through years of hard work and diligence, she gained the experience and knowledge needed to make an impact in her field.

In addition to her corporate excellence, Mrs. Mulholland's personal actions also serve as a model for the community. She has been active as a mentor for the Girl Scouts, serving to motivate and inspire other young women to succeed in their chosen fields. Her contributions in business and community service won her this distinction. I applaud Mrs. Mulholland for her professional achievements and her devotion to the Lehigh Valley community. Donna Mulholland is a Lehigh Valley Hero.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
MEDICAL MINORITY EDUCATORS

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2000*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an organization that has done so much to promote the increase of minority personnel within the health professions. Since its establishment in 1975, the National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME) has worked to attract minority students to health professions and enhance the retention and graduation rate of minority students from professional health schools.

Comprised of nearly 300 health educators from approximately 140 health professions institutions, and organizations, NAMME members work in allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, public health, chiropractic, nursing and all of the allied health

professions. Collectively, they work to promote the recruitment and development of minority faculty, administrators, and managerial personnel in the health professions, support the delivery of quality health care for minority populations, and promote the philosophy of equal educational opportunity.

I am thrilled that NAMME has chosen the City of Worcester, my home town, to serve as the site of their 11th annual conference. As the face of America changes, so too does the face of our health care providers. It is my belief that organizations such as NAMME are essential for the success of the health care profession.

HONORING ALICIA JACKSON OF  
BEAVER DAM, KENTUCKY

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2000*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a Kentucky student from my District who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Alicia Jackson of Beaver Dam, Kentucky is a senior at Ohio County High School in Hartford. Alicia was named one of my state's top honorees in the 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, a nationwide program under which more than 20,000 high school and middle school students were considered for awards.

Alicia is being recognized for her efforts in organizing a week-long series of events to promote Community Traffic Safety Week at her school. Activities organized by Alicia included a crash re-enactment and presentations by guest lecturers.

Alicia is an inspiring example of how we as individual citizens can contribute to our community. People of all ages need to think about how we can work at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods.

Alicia should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of volunteers. I heartily applaud Alicia for her initiative and positive impact on others within her community. She offers an encouraging example of the promise which America's youth offer for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, on March 8, 2000, I missed 5 recorded votes because I was a witness in a legal action to keep St. Michael Hospital in Cleveland from closing.

If I had been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2000*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall votes Nos. 29 through 33 on March 8, 2000, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each.

IN HONOR OF THE ANCIENT  
ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 9, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Cleveland's Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians as organizations integral in maintaining and promoting appreciation for Irish culture, history and traditions in the Cleveland community.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Catholic lay organization in America. Its roots in America can be traced to 1836 in New York. The group began to assist Irish immigrants to the new world in obtaining jobs and social services. Today, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has shifted its purpose to charitable activities in support of the Church's missions, community service, and the promotion and preservation of their Irish cultural heritage in America.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians was first organized in 1894 in Omaha, Nebraska under the name "Daughters of Erin." The motto of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity." Its purpose is to promote Irish history, traditions and culture, and to support the Church through Mission work and Catholic Action activities.

On March 17, 2000, Cleveland's Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians are hosting the 133rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet accompanying Cleveland's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. These are the oldest and longest running events in the state of Ohio honoring the Irish patron, St. Patrick, and sharing Irish culture, history and traditions with the community.

At the 133rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet, The United Irish Societies Honorees for the 2000 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be recognized. These individuals have given selflessly of themselves to insure the proud Irish heritage will continue. The honorees include: Mr. William Chambers, the Grand Marshall of the Parade; Ms. Nora Carr, the Irish Mother of the Year; Ms. Linda Carney and Mr. James McGuirk, Parade Co-Chairs; and Mr. James McGuirk, the Hibernian of the Year.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Cleveland's Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, and all of The United Irish Societies Honorees for the 2000 St. Patrick's Day Parade. The contributions and achievements of these groups and Irish Americans have inspired us all to respect and appreciate the Irish Culture.